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1. REF. A. REPORTING SEPT. 1 LONDON OBSERVER ARTICLE IS ONLY PRESS STORY DEPT. HAS RECEIVED SPECIFICALLY ALLEGING U.S. HAS ENCOURAGED UK TO MAINTAIN SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT AND COLLABORATE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL FORCES. CLOSEST STORY TO THIS APPEARING IN U.S. WAS CLAIM IN PETER YOUNGHUSBAND WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, OCTOBER 21 (TEXT SENT TO LUSAKA BY USIS WIRE FILE OCTOBER 21) THAT U.S. URGED PRIME MINISTER WILSON "TO HELP 'SHOW THE FLAG' IN THE INDIAN OCEAN."
2. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXTS OF ANY RELATED PRESS STORIES.
3. ADDRESSEES MAY STATE THTE USG HAS NOT REPEAT NOT ENCOURAGED UK TO MAINTAIN SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT AND HAS NOT REPEAT NOT ENCOURAGED UK TO COLLABORATE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL FORCES.
4. SUGGEST YOU ALSO QUOTE AMBASSADOR SCALI, WHO SAID IN SECURITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 30: "...I WOULD LIKE TO STATE FLATLY THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT COLLABORATED WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON MILITARY OR NAVAL MATTERS FOR OVER A DECADE, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF BEGINNING SUCH COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE."
5. REFERENCES BEING REPEATED TO APPROPRIATE POSTS.
6. LONDON MAY PROCEED BACKGROUNDER. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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